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Polytrichum commune L. Near Batoum.

Leucodon immersus Lindb. Near Batoum, c. fr., and near the Caspian, sterile.

Amblystegium varium Lindb. Near the Caspian.

Brachythecium populeum B. & S. Near Batoum.

B. purum (L.) Dixon. Near the Caspian.

Eurhynchium euchloron (Bruch.) Jur. & Milde. Near the Caspian; nice gatherings of this characteristic species of the district. One of them is of a very vivid green to which no doubt the plant owes its name.

E. tenellum (Dicks.) Milde. Near the Caspian.

Hypnum cupressiforme L. Near the Caspian, and also near Batoum.

The only hepatics in the collection were small fragments of Radula complanata (L.) Dum., and Frullania dilatata (L.) Dum., both from near the Caspian. Lewes, England, 18 Oct., 1920.

REVIEWS

I. NEW AND INTERESTING SOUTH AFRICAN MOSSES, by H. N. DIXON, M. A., F. L. S. (With plates XI and XII.)

This is a reprint from the Transactions of the Royal Society of South Africa, vol. VIII, part 3, 1920; Cape Town. Published by the Society. The paging is unchanged and includes pp. 179 to 224.

The author enumerates 180 species. Many of these are accompanied by critical notes. It is a pleasure to follow this diligent author in his gentle but relentless processes of reduction. Just as, in his Australian Antarctic Expedition report, jointly with Rev. Watts, Mr. Dixon traced the identity with Bryum antarcticum of B. filicaule, B. Gerlachei, B. inconnexum, B. austro-polare, and "probably B. algens;" so, in this paper, he has worked out in several cases the identity of African species described by different authors. In his introduction he states that while identity does not exist in very many cases between African and North Temperate species, he is "convinced it exists in a certain number of plants where it has hitherto not been recognized." In this he was confirmed by some gatherings from high mountain elevations. This furnished an interesting parallel to the entomological observation, made some years ago in the higher mountains of New England, which showed the insect life near the tops of the mountains remarkably related to the European mountain insects. Mr. Dixon thus points out the identity with Bryum alpinum Huds. of B. afro-alpinum, and probably of B. Wilmsii. Bryum Muhlenbeckii has several named African species indistinguishable from it. Polytrichum flexicaule and commune are identical. Several Tortulas described by C. Mueller are entirely identical with Tortula ruralis.

The author is critical in the correction of some spellings. Thus, on p. 185, Campylopus inchangue is shown to be the right spelling from among four.

The new species described and figured are:

Ditrichum spirale Dixon; Dicranella Symonsii Dixon; Fissidens papillifolius Dixon; Fissidens Borgenii obtusifolius Broth.; Gymnostomum Bewsii Sim MS; Didymodon Pottsii Dixon; Tortula trachyneura Dixon; Glyphomitrium marginatum Wager et Dixon; Zygodon Simsii Dixon; Bryum pumili-roseum Dixon; Psilopilum afro-laevigatum Dixon; Psilopilum Wageri Broth.; Erpodium transvaaliense Broth. et Wag.; Erpodium distichum Wager et Dixon; Entodon cymbifolius Wager et Dixon; Lindbergia viridis Dixon; Sciaromium capense Dixon; Microthamnium ctenidioides Dixon; Isopterygium brachycarpum Dixon; Plagiothecium Hendersonii Dixon; Brachythecium afro-albicans Dixon.

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NOTES ON CURRENT BRYOLOGICAL LITERATURE

Raphidostegium caespitosum.—In the Journal of Botany, March, 1920, Mr. H. N. Dixon has an article on this species, of 8 pages, at the end of which he cites no fewer than 58 synonyms. A sweeping series of reductions.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Camptothecium nitens var. falcatum (Peck) Burnham.—This combination was made in the July number of The Bryologist 23: 54. July, 1920; but is not the correct name for this var., *C. nitens* var. falcifolium Ren. e Nichols, in Rhodora, Vol. 15, p. 12?

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H. N. Dixon

Camptothecium nitens var. falcifolium Ren. (C. nitens var. falcatum (Peck) Burnham).—In connection with the preceding note Mr. Burnham contributes the following:

Mr. H. N. Dixon of Northampton, England has called my attention to the fact that the combination Camptothecium nitens var. falcatum (Peck) Burnham which was made in The Bryologist 23: 54, July, 1920, is superseded by the name Camptothecium nitens (Schreb.) Schimp., var. falcifolium Ren., published by Dr. Geo. E. Nichols, Notes on Connecticut Mosses, Rhodora 15: 12, Jan., 1913. Mr. Dixon is correct. The variety falcatum, altho described by Dr. Peck in the N. Y. State Cab. Rep. 22: 105, 1869, was never published, altho the herbarium name falcatum is written on the sheet of Dr. E. C. Howe's Fort Edward specimen in the State herbarium. Number 308 in C. F. Austin's Musci Appalachiani is Dr. Howe's Moreau plant, the variety falcifolium Renauld.

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A Correction.—Mr. Wm. R. Maxon, of the National Museum, has called attention to an error in Mr. Standley's article, "Sphagnum in Glacier National Park, Montana," in the January (1920) number of The Bryologist, p. 5. In the fifth line of the article the words "On the east slope" should read "On the west slope."